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HONGKONG, 18th May, 1901

With very much that our correspondent "Scrutator" said, in his lengthy indictment of the Government in Thursday's issue, we are bound to agree. It is only too painfully true that after seven years' experience of that annually recurring affliction, the Bubonic Plague, we are still almost as powerless to cope with it as we were in 1894, when it first appeared in epidemic form. It is not creditable to the Colony that practically nothing has been learned of this disease; that it is still as virulent and fatal as when first it startled us into temporary sanitary activity; and it is deplorable that medical science has as yet been unable to find a remedy for it. The Government have not done what they could. The medical staff is entirely inadequate to carry out the work of disinfection, inspection, and supervision necessary if the city of Victoria is to be made even approximately healthy. The drainage is also most unsatisfactory, and is altogether on a wrong system. There is not water sufficient to flush it, and the drains are continually getting choked. Nothing more insane could ever have been thought of than to endeavour to carry out the present system of drainage in a town occupied by Chinese. All authorities who know anything of the East and of the tropics agree that surface drains, daily flushed and cleansed, are alone suitable to the conditions of the Chinese town. No water-closets and no closed drains ought ever to have been allowed, and every means should have been adopted to prevent the saturation of the soil that has been going on for five decades. The Government have been warned repeatedly of this; so long ago as 1875, Dr. AYRES, the then Colonial Surgeon, informed the Government that sooner or later a deadly epidemic would result from the gross neglect of sanitary laws then being permitted; but his report was suppressed, and the warning disregarded. Since then spasmodic efforts have been made to undo the mischief of the past, a Sanitary Board has been established, and a Public Health Ordinance passed. But the Sanitary Board has never been allowed administrative functions, and the funds voted for sanitation have been on a small and grudging scale. Even the Board's recommendations, after being carefully thought out, have frequently been shelved, and sometimes wholly ignored.

If His Excellency the GOVERNOR really hopes to see the Colony freed from this deadly visitant he must shake himself free both from dread of expense and from fears of coming into collision with Chinese prejudices. The plague epidemic cannot be effectively grappled with by kid-glove measures, nor will the proper sanitation of the city be secured without a large outlay. The longer the work is delayed, the more costly will it prove and the more costly. Meantime the trade of the Colony is suffering severely by the port being quarantined for some six months every year, and the partial derangement of business caused by the ravages of the disease. The Colony must be prepared to grasp its nettle boldly if the danger with which it is now confronted is ever to be brought under control. Half measures are of little use; to accomplish any real amelioration of the conditions existing, a comprehensive scheme should be deliberately thought out and intelligently worked, with due regard for vested interests, but with no weakness for any class or race of the community. The question of the drainage is the one that should first be taken in hand. Some few years back the Colony was, without due consideration for the conditions prevailing, committed to the present dangerous system of drainage. Then there is the question of overcrowding. This should never have been allowed, but it has grown up, and is now a difficult nut to crack, both on account of the vested interests involved and because of the impossibility of the working classes and those just above them paying the rents demanded. Our correspondent "Scrutator" is perhaps a little wild when he talks of "rapacious landlords"; the landlords are not so much to blame for the high rents as the scarcity of land and the greatly enhanced cost of building. High as rents undoubtedly are, it is a well-known fact that it is impossible to build new houses to let at lower rates; in fact, it is difficult now to make new property pay a reasonable interest on capital. There seems reason to believe that the Chinese workmen employed in the building trade, through their guild, prevent free competition in the labour-market by restricting the supply. This at any rate is currently believed, and not without cause. If such combinations are proved to exist, the Government should take steps to procure their suppression and to prevent their formation in the future. It is their duty, too, to encourage the acquisition of sites by householders for their own occupation by not fixing the upset price too high or imposing an excessive Crown Rent. With the very short leases granted, the Crown Rent should be reduced instead of being, as is the case, increased since the reduction of the Crown lease from 999 to 75 years. Considering the difficulty of housing the people, and the fact that Victoria is cut in half by the interposition of the Naval Yard and Military Cantonments, it was manifestly the duty of the paternal Government to provide means of speedy communication between the centre of the city and its distant suburbs at each end. The necessity for this has been glaringly evident for the past fifteen years. Yet nothing has been done. The Government have quietly waited for relief to come from outside, regardless alike of the public weal and of their own duty as the only municipal authority in the Colony. It is high time that they woke up to a proper sense of their duty, and if they are not at liberty to delegate their municipal duties to a body of the taxpayers, they should at any rate discharge those duties as efficiently as a Municipal Council.

At the same time it would be well for "Scrutator" and those who think with him—and that they are many—we are well aware—to remember that the members of the community here have not so far exhibited much real interest in the conduct of public affairs. It is easy to criticise and to find fault; it is much more difficult to discover a remedy for the ills that afflict the body politic. Comparisons with Shanghai are common enough, but they are not always sound or just. The conditions in Shanghai are essentially different; more especially in the matter of taking precautions to keep out plague. There it is comparatively easy, with the aid of the Customs staff, to board every steamer that arrives and to inspect passengers; the organisation exists to hand, and the arrivals are all, so to speak, under the official eye. Here in Hongkong, in addition to the fact that there is no Customs supervision, there are steamers, ships, and native craft arriving at all hours and from every direction with passengers, and it would be very difficult to inspect all before allowing them to land. Hundreds of passengers are continually coming in from adjacent islands and the mainland, whose movements could scarcely be watched. We do not say it is impossible, but it would be so difficult that there is some excuse for the fact that it has not been done. Whether more would have been accomplished had Victoria been governed by a municipality, we are not prepared to say. We think it probable, but our experience of what has happened in connection with the Sanitary Board does not inspire

too much confidence. The community here has less leisure than the people of Shanghai. This arises, perhaps, from the fact that there are more steamers entering and clearing here; that it is the Clapham Junction of the Far East, while Shanghai, though a very busy port, suffers far less pressure. Moreover, Hongkong residents have not yet learned to trust to their own efforts; they know the Government officials are paid to do the work, and they are not anxious to take fresh burdens on their shoulders for which they have to give up valuable time—the equivalent of much money. The recent protest of the special jurors against an unnecessary consumption of their time by being summoned on trivial cases, is an indication of the value of that time. In few places, either in the East or elsewhere, is the business stress greater, and in no city in the world would it be more difficult to find a dozen well-qualified unofficial civilians who would be willing to devote the necessary time to the management of municipal affairs than in Hongkong. Yet a change from the existing system is certainly desirable. We do not get sufficient done for our money. We are afflicted with too much red tape. We are restricted by parsimony, and yet sometimes suffer from waste. The machine is not worn out, but it sadly needs putting in order, and a provisional experiment in the shape of self-government might at least be extended to the city of Victoria, for which a municipality could be granted consisting of a majority of members representing the taxpayers with a proportion of officials to represent the Government.

The transport *Canning* left the harbour yesterday, having on board remounts for the troops up North.

The U.S.S. *Saturn* sails for Manila this evening. The U.S.S. *Monterey* will go to Canton in a few days.

We understand that the Sanitary Board has now taken proceedings against the traders who have been offering for sale spurious milk within the Colony.

H.E. Sir Henry A. Blake, accompanied by Lady and Miss Blake, and his A.D.C., left yesterday by the *Hongkong* for Macao. The visit is a purely private one. The Governor and party will stop at the Boa Vista Hotel.

There will be a hockey match this afternoon, at 5 o'clock, on the Kowloon ground, between the Officers of the Royal Artillery and the Officers of the Indian Brigade. The Officers of the Royal Artillery will be at home to their friends.

We received yesterday morning from Acting Consul-General W. F. Aldrich, the following, dated Manila Observatory, 9.30 a.m.:—"Depression the 16th inst. crossed between Luzon and Bissayas. Seems to be now in China Sea west of Mindoro."

Shortly after one o'clock yesterday morning a Chinaman attempted suicide at his house at 11, Jardine's Bazaar, by first cutting his throat and then jumping from the verandah to the street. The police were summoned and the man was removed to hospital. He is expected to recover.

At the Sanitary Board meeting on Thursday Dr. Clark, speaking on the subject of dumping infants outside convents, said:—"The infants were handed in at the doors of the convents and received with thanks. If they lived they were christened." By an error our report made him say that "if they lived they were imprisoned."

The Band of the Madras Light Infantry will play at the Hongkong Hotel this evening from 8 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. Programme:—Overture:—"La Fille du Regiment" Donizetti; Waltz:—"Donau Wellen" Strauss; Selection:—"La Poupée" Andran; Air:—"Favourite Song" Mondelsohn; Clarinet Solo:—"I Martini" Kappay; Folk:—"The Deep Blue Sea" Brewer;—"God Save the King."

A reader sends us the following "Insanitary Note":—"Close to the Macao steamer wharf on the New Quay may be seen a heap of burning rubbish brought from the slums; and as this stuff is brought there, many poor coolies may be seen raking out old clothes and garbage of all sorts, and retelling it to the marine hawkers or stores up the lane. It is a disgusting sight, and conveys the idea that a Sanitary Board does not exist or is not doing its duty. On the rubbish-boats in the harbour the same thing may be seen any day."

Mrs. D'Agostini, wife of Mr. P. D'Agostini, senior writer at H. M. Naval Yard (who is now in hospital with plague), was removed to Kennedy Town yesterday morning, having developed symptoms of the disease. A rumour was prevalent yesterday that Mr. D'Agostini had succumbed to the attack, but we are glad to be able to state, from enquiries, that such is not the case. On the contrary, the patient so far is doing very well. Mr. J. Cumiskey (the second patient from the Naval Yard), was however unable to combat the disease, and died yesterday afternoon. He had been in the Colony only about a year, and leaves a wife to mourn his death. Mr. Hawkes, of the Hongkong Dispensary staff, is now almost fully recovered, and will be discharged from hospital at an early date. During the 24 hours ending at noon yesterday the cases of plague reported were 16 (15 Chinese, one European), with 14 deaths (13 Chinese and one other Asiatic).

Both Generals Wade and Ludlow, of the U.S. Army in the Philippines, have left for Japan, invalided.

The U.S.S. *Nevers* leaves the harbour on Monday for New York via Suez. She leaves flying the home-land-bound pennant.

A Coran telegram says a gold mine has been discovered near Masamp, and it is stated that the Russians are formulating an exclusive claim to it.

It is proposed to inaugurate a St. Andrew's Society in Nagasaki if it is found that a sufficient number of Scotsmen are willing to become members.

The remains of Mr. Chas. Dowdall, who perished in the wreck of the *Rio*, were brought to Shanghai by the Pacific Mail steamer *China* on the 18th inst. and the interment took place on Tuesday afternoon at the Fah Sen Joo cemetery.

Sourabaya has challenged Singapore to play a game of chess by correspondence, but coming so soon after the Batavia game, and in view of the approaching championship contest at the Singapore Club, it was decided not to accept the challenge for the present.

The *Echo de Chine* says work on the railway at Hankow is proceeding rapidly. The engine runs to the 125th mile, and beyond that point the line is completed. Only the bridges remain to be built. It is announced that the locomotives will enter Honan next autumn.

It seems that the Russian Legation in Seoul not only Mr. Pavloff, the Russian Minister, but also Prof. N. Birukoff of the Imperial Russian School, a Cosack and a child, all of whom proceeded to Japan on a Russian man-of-war to be treated at the Eastern Institute in Tokyo.

It is said that the Russian authorities in Newchwang are trying to improve the harbour accommodation, the funds to be obtained by levying a special duty of 21,000 ad valorem on imports, and that Japanese merchants met in the Consulate, vetoed the scheme as being premature, and replied to the Russian authorities to that effect.

The following Seoul telegram dated, the 8th inst., has been received in Japan:—"Owing to the Emperor's opposition to the French loan, the Korean Foreign Minister has tendered his resignation. The Korean Government is taking measures to annul the agreement recently signed between the French Minister and the representative of the Korean Court with respect to the loan."

The sugar import duty in the United Kingdom, says the *Phong Gazette*, will press heavily on planters and dealers in Java, who had never thought for a moment that they would be called upon to help to meet the cost of the South African war. The polarisation distinction drawn in the incidence of the tax will tell heavily against the Java article. It is contended that this comes to a differential duty on Java sugar.

It appears that the recent disturbances in North China have given a hard blow to Japanese industries, especially the cotton industry, says the *Nagasaki Press*. For the past few years gassed yarn has sold well in China, owing to its cheapness. The export of the above to China amounted to 226,211 yen in 1899, and to 179,741 yen in 1900, which shows a decrease of 46,470 yen. The decrease was due to the suspension of all exports to North China, owing to the Boxer outbreak.

The United States expedition in China has been the means of creating a new military order, namely, "The Military Order of the Dragon," with General Chaffee as president and Captain McCall as vice-president. Its object is "to perpetuate the associations formed during the historic expedition for the relief of their distressed countrymen in China." The order starts out as a very exclusive organisation, as only officers of the Army, Navy or Marine Corps who served under orders in Northern China or the Gulf of Pechili, and representative and diplomatic officers at Tientsin or Peking between June 15th and October 1, 1900, are eligible for active membership. Male descendants of active members may become hereditary members. All members of foreign diplomatic corps at Peking, all military officers in the foreign military service at Peking or who participated in the engagements at Peking and Tientsin, and all civilians actively engaged against the enemy during the siege of Peking or on the march of the relief expedition, are entitled to honorary membership.

YOKOHAMA RACES.

[FROM A CORRESPONDENT.]

Below are the results of the Yokohama Races, first day, run to-day:—

Race	Won by	Furlongs
1. Wagers of 1901.	Mr. Hugo's <i>Sceptre</i>	5 miles
2. China Subscriptions.	Mr. Rasia's <i>Strathcona</i>	2
3. Wagers and Country.	Mr. Rasia's <i>Mira</i>	2
4. China.	Mr. May's <i>Mag-be</i>	2
5. All Horses.	Mr. Aye's <i>Hanchoh</i>	2
6. Wagers, 1901.	Mr. Spink's <i>Four</i>	2
7. China Subscriptions.	Mr. Rasia's <i>Gored</i>	11
8. China Poles.	Mr. Tytherleigh's <i>Aberdeen</i>	11
9. All Horses.	Mr. Aye's <i>Handch</i>	11
10. <i>Strathcona</i> , <i>May-be</i> , <i>Ourod</i> and <i>Aberdeen</i> will be remembered in Hongkong. <i>Hanchoh</i> ran in Australia up till last year under the name of <i>Honesty</i> , winning his last two races in the colonies in September. He succeeded in defeating three other specially imported race-horses— <i>The Crown</i> , known in India and the Straits as <i>Truth</i> , a winner in Australia; <i>The Count</i> from Singapore, and <i>May-fly</i> , known in Australia under the name of <i>Merrigang</i> . In the fourth race <i>May-be</i> defeated <i>Standard Horse</i> . (Late Dot Rose).		

TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.]

SHANGHAI, 17th May, 7.35 p.m.

KANG YI STILL LIVING.

A Chinese official from Hsianfu declares that he saw Kang Yi alive there.

THE CHINESE TROOPS.

The Kansu troops guarding Hsianfu, not having been paid their wages, are mutinying. An Imperial Decree orders the disbandment of last year's rescue armies.

RUSSIA AND CHINA.

The report is revived that Russia proposes to take Chinese Turkistan on exchange for Manchuria.

THE COMMENCEMENT OF

EVACUATION.

Peking reports that the French military headquarters moved to Tientsin to-day.

GENERAL NEWS.

LONDON, 16th May, 1.55 p.m.

THE PORTE AND THE POWERS.

The Porte, having failed to secure the abolition of the foreign post-offices in Turkey, has seized and rifled the foreign mails. The Ambassadors at Constantinople have returned two of the Porte's Notes. They are now discussing the advisability of a combined naval demonstration. The Porte in a third Note has announced that the recent action in the matter of post-offices was intended to stop any such move.

MRS. MURPHY ILL.

President McKinley's wife is seriously ill and in consequence the President's San Francisco tour has been abandoned.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

London, 16th May.

SOUTH AFRICA—BOMB LOSSES IN

APRIL.

During April, 106 bombs were killed and 2,290 captured.

GENERAL HECTOR MACDONALD

KNIGHTED.

General Hector Macdonald was knighted yesterday by King Edward.

MR. BRODRICK'S ARMY SCHEME.

A prolonged debate on Mr. Brodrick's Army scheme is proceeding in the House of Commons.

POLICE COURT.

Friday, 17th May.

BEFORE MR. HAZELARD.

ATTACKING A MAN WITH A HATCHET.

Two Chinese fishermen on licensed junk No. 667 had a dispute while at sea recently, and one seized a hatchet and savagely attacked the other, inflicting injuries that necessitated the man's removal to hospital. His assailant was arrested.

When charged, he admitted the crime, and was sentenced to four months' hard labour.

SELLING LIQUOR WITHOUT A LICENSE.

Three hawkers and three coolies were brought up on separate charges of selling samshu at Yau-mai on the 16th inst. without a license. All excepting one of the hawkers, who was fined \$15, denied the offence. The two remaining hawkers were fined \$10 each, and the third went to prison for 14 days in default of paying a fine of \$15.

BEFORE MR. KEMP.

DIDN'T FORSEGE THE VISIT.

Chan So is a fortune teller, but her power to anticipate futurity did not apparently extend to the foreseeing of a visit by excise officers in search of concealed opium.

Enough of the drug was found to justify the imposing of a fine of \$2.

ON THE CHIEF.

A Chinese barber went into a second-hand clothes shop at Yau-mai on the 16th inst. to buy a pair of trousers. A folt showed him several pairs, and then left him to make a selection while he attended to another customer. The barber chose the particular pair he wanted, and, tucking them under his jacket, left the shop without first going through the formality of paying for his purchase. The master of the shop noticed the omission, and went in pursuit of his absent-minded customer, who was overtaken by the shopkeeper, however, and given up to the police.

AN EXTORTIONATE CHAIR-COOLIE.

Mr. T. K. Dealy, schoolmaster, Queen's College, summoned a chair coolie for unlawfully demanding more than his legal fare on the 15th inst.

The complainant gave the defendant fifteen cents for a ten cent ride, but the latter was not satisfied with his "cums," and demanded twenty cents.

UNLICENSED BILLIARD TABLE.

A Japanese named Manio Ahtsu was summoned by Inspector Collett, for allowing to be used at 148, Praya East, a billiard-table for which the licence had expired.

He was fined \$10.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.]

MUNICIPAL FREEDOM.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

16th May.

SIR,—The article by "Scrutator" is refreshing and straightforward, but will it wake the Colony out of its lethargy? The majority of Englishmen here are apparently content to crumble against the Governor and the Government, instead of demanding an independent enquiry. An official enquiry would be a farce in a colony governed on the principle of a Gilbert comedy. We read of one official acting as Director of Public Works as Water Authority, Head of the Sanitary Board, and what not; whilst another is head of a Department one day and Colonial Secretary the next. It is a family party. Independent opinion under these conditions is impossible. We need go no further than the astounding fact that in so large a colony no decent Englishman will serve on the Sanitary Board as an Unofficial Member. Dr. Hartigan tried hard to bring about reforms and benefit the community generally, but gave up his seat on the Board, and publicly stated his reasons. He was wasting valuable time, and very properly declined to continue the farce. We have the spectacle of a Government refusing to allow a European reservation; therefore we must suffer the sacred Chinese to live next door to us. We have also been edited by a Governor deliberately proposing (to please the Chinese) that plague precautions should be practically suspended in a certain district, and this at a time when plague is raging! We have seen Chinese dying from plague carried openly along the public streets in public chairs; and in one case, at least, the chair was allowed to ply for hire afterwards without disinfection. We have seen plague-infected clothing carried by Government carriages on to the crowded public ferries, and we see on all sides houses being built which can only be described as "plague incubators," and where fresh air and sunlight—the enemies of plague—cannot enter. We must ask the Home Government to order an independent investigation, until this is done we suffer, and calmly watch the spread of disease and mismanagement. I suppose there is no other English colony in the world where such a state of affairs would be permitted to exist. A committee for public safety, on the lines of the Navy League, is urgently needed. Yours, etc.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

16th May.

SIR,—"Scrutator" in his logically written article appearing in your this morning's issue brings forward some of the most serious grievances of the residents of this Colony. The article should not only attract the attention of the local Government, but to the means of urging them to take steps to remedy the evils in question.

It is high time that the Government should discontinue being deaf and indifferent to the cries of the public in matters which are of most vital importance for the health and welfare of the people.

When will the Government awaken to their duty (as such it is without doubt) to take determined and reasonable steps to improve the decidedly bad sanitation, and to fight successfully against the most fearful diseases which are continually our visitors?

Why does the Government persist in evading facts, which are there, instead of facing them, and doing what can be reasonably expected of them? But it is never too late to mend! Let us hope they will now at last open their eyes. Yours, etc.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

16th May.

SIR,—The article by "Scrutator" in the *Daily Press* this morning is very true, and I for one will give my share to the expense of sending the copy of that article in pamphlet form to every Member of the British House of Commons, headed "Hongkong five hundred years behind any other place in the world." Yours, etc.

A RATEPAYER,

BUT NOT A VOTER.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

16th May.

SIR,—Your splendid and vigorous article re "Municipal Freedom" in to-day's issue is quite in accord with what a suffering community has been agitating for years past. To support your views may I be permitted to make some suggestions? In the first instance, we want money to carry out reforms, and to raise funds I would say reduce the salaries of all the high officials by 25 per cent. as long as we have plague here, and utilise the dollars in employing additional sanitary staff to cleanse the city. And how to cleanse the city is another question I put, if our local Medical Officer of Health will take no preventive measures for stopping an army of night-soil coolies from dumping night-soil in all the drains over the city—thus spreading the germs of various diseases.

We read of cases in the Police Court of coolies being fined one or two dollars for the above serious offence. Mr. Editor, who is guilty the coolie, the Medical Officer of Health, or who?—The Government. What should be done in such a case is a severe sentence; for a long term with a dose of flogging would deter people in continuing to commit the offence. The P. W. D. should build at once (not in half a dozen years hence) public free baths on the Praya at the west end for the coolie class, using sea-water, which costs nothing, and some fresh water taps as a final douche. These few suggestions may help to eradicate the plague partly from one midst.

SANITARY REFORM.

MISSIONARIES IN CHINA.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

SIR,—Mr. C. V. L. has undoubtedly a very strong missionary bias. He believes, I apprehend, that only missionaries can save China. He does not state of what denomination they should be, as these are numerous, all more or less antagonistic. Probably he forgets that missionaries have ruined some fine civilisations and many countries. Spain, for not having repressed monastic institutions in the Philippine Archipelago, lost that colony. The Queen of Hawaii was deprived of her throne, owing to missionaries' intrigues. The problem of missionaries is not of so difficult solution as some imagine. In order to solve it, missionaries must give up all the extraordinary and absurd prerogatives which they are enjoying, and cease to interfere in family and political affairs. Italy has a big fleet, but no complaint is made by Italian missionaries against China. The reason of it is because the Roman Church having excommunicated the Italian government, the Vatican instructs the missionaries of that nation to live quietly, and to avoid picking quarrels. Some officers who had returned from the expedition in the North told me that native Christians claim privileges which would not be countenanced in any European country. Honest missionaries had already represented to the Vatican that genuine advantages would accrue to the Church if missionaries were independent of secular Powers. It is said that some of the Powers are not disposed to give up the splendid privilege of protecting them. The Pope, by complying with the wishes of the Powers, is favouring extermination of Christianity in China. A contributor from Tientsin proposed in a well-known review of Paris that missionaries should be reformed first, before thinking of reforming Chinese souls. At present in China, as in ancient Rome, Christianity is an opprobrious name. What China chiefly needs is science. Missionaries will do well to impress on her people that cleanliness is next to godliness.—Yours, etc.,

OCCASIONAL CORRESPONDENT.

THE FIRST CHINESE REGIMENT.

Hongkong, 16th May.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

SIR,—With reference to the leaders in your issues of the 14th and 16th inst. about the 1st Chinese Regiment, and the paragraph in to-day's paper in which you express a wish for "exact particulars of their conduct," &c., at the front and also as to their usefulness, I have forwarded the papers to an official at Weihaiwei who is in a position to, and who I trust will, furnish you with the information you need.

I have just left Weihaiwei after a stay of over two years, and my experience has been that I am unable to agree with the statements put forward, and am of opinion that your informant could not have seen or studied much of the regiment in question.—Yours, etc.,

MAHTO.

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Messrs. Vernon and Smyth say in their weekly share report, dated Hongkong, 17th May.—A quieter tone has prevailed in our market during the past week, and rates in many cases have suffered a decline. At the close there is a tendency to further weakness in some stocks.

BANKS.—In the earlier part of the week Hongkong and Shanghai were placed at 390 per cent. premium cash, and at 410 per cent. for August delivery. Shares coming into the market from the North and coast ports, however, soon brought the rate down, and we close with sales and further sellers at 382 per cent. premium cash, and at 400 per cent. prem. for August. The London rate has declined to 462. Nationals are unchanged.

MARINE INSURANCES.—Unions have been reduced in small lots at \$330, and are in further request at \$335. Very few shares are to be had at these rates. China Traders are wanted at \$259. Cantoners have been sold at \$180, and a further small lot might be had at this figure.

FIRE INSURANCES.—Business has been dull under this head, and beyond a small sale of Hongkong Fire at \$384 there is nothing to report. China Fires are quiet at quotation.

SHIPPING.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao have been the medium of a large business at \$350, at which more shares can be had. Indo-China have suffered a smart decline, and after sales at \$135, \$134 and \$133 are to be had at \$132. China-Manila (old) are on offer at \$65, and the new shares after sales at \$53 are quiet at that figure. Douglases are quiet at \$54. Star Ferries have sellers at \$24 and \$10, for the old and new shares respectively. China Mutuals and Shells are unchanged at quotations.

REFINERIES.—China Sugars have been sold at \$134 cash, and at \$135 for the end of the month, and a further small lot at the former rate is in the market. Luxons unchanged with sellers at \$35.

MINING.—Pungoys have been sold at \$73 and \$71, and close quiet at the latter rate. Charbonnages have advanced to \$320, at which there are buyers, but no shares offering. Rubys have been dealt in at \$24, and at \$23, and close with probable sellers at \$20. Olivars are unchanged.

DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have been sold in fair quantities at \$217 cash, at which the stock does steadily. Forward there are buyers at equivalent rates. Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves have been sold at \$103 and there are further small buyers at the rate. Wanchais have sold, and have buyers at \$83. New Amoy Docks are unchanged.

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Lands have ruled weak and close with sellers at \$138. West Points have been done at \$56 and \$55, and are in further request. Humphreys Estates are in the market at \$14.

SOFT, FAIR, DELICATE SKIN. A clear and healthy complexion produced by using ROWLAND'S KALYDOX, the most soothing, healing, curative and refreshing preparation, and warranted harmless to the most delicate skin. It prevents and removes freckles, tan, sunburn, redness, roughness, heals cutaneous eruptions, irritation, stings of insects, eczema, burns, imparts a luxuriant beauty to the complexion, and arranges the neck, hands and arms in matchless whiteness, unobtainable by any other means. Ask Stores, and Chemists for ROWLAND'S KALYDOX, and avoid poisonous imitations. [1432-2]

Hongkong Hotels have sold at \$128 and \$129, and are to be had at \$130. Orientals have sellers at \$80.

COTTON MILLS.—Ewos are wanted at \$1.50 and Hongkong Cottons at \$74. The remaining stocks under this head are quiet and without feature.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Green Island Cement has been sold largely to the North at \$21, and later at \$20, the market closing with sellers at \$20. China-Bornes are on offer at \$38. Watsons are quiet at \$17. Electrics (old) are wanted at \$124; the new shares can be obtained at \$64. Icos are wanted at \$175. Tramways can be placed at \$71. Bell's As Water Boats are wanted at \$74. Bell's As Boats have been placed at \$110. China Providents have improved to \$91, at which shares are wanted. Watkins have been done at \$91.

MEMOS.—Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co.'s sixteenth ordinary annual meeting on the 22nd inst. Wanchai Warehouse and Storage Co., Ltd. Extraordinary General Meeting on the 23rd inst. to consider an offer for the sale of the Company's property of terms to be ascertained from the General Managers.

COREA.

Chemulpo, 24th March.

It is some time since I wrote you, although there have been many reports concerning Corea, there has really been very little to write about. The winter was, on the whole, a fine one. The cold set in rather later than usual, but now this is over and spring is upon us.

CONCESSION-RUNTERS. With the advent of this season, all the world seems to have awakened to an interest in the "Land of Morning Calm." It almost deserves the name of the "Stormy Land." New concessions are required by people of all nationalities, with the exception of Americans, who are not so active at the present moment. Perhaps it is that they have got all they want. Last year the American Syndicate managed to obtain contracts for the beginning of banking business, the electric lighting of Seoul and extension of the electric trams, cleaning out the drainage-canal running through the centre of the city to the river, the provision of a fresh water supply, etc. These are contracts not to be sneered at. The French have opened a Government Scientific School, and are providing instructors for the Cavalry and Artillery. Besides this, they are after gold and coal-mining concessions, and the contract for the building of a railway from Seoul to Sento, the former capital. They are supplying the plan as well as a loan to pay for it. The British Pioneer Mining Co. has lately struck what is reported to be a very important coal and copper lode, and they have now got out a professor as head-teacher for the Anglo-Corean College. The German mining concession does not seem to have made a good choice of a site, and I hear that endeavours are being made to change the selection. However, the concessionaires are not entirely out of it, as they supply the Musical Director of the Court and the Justice of the Peace. A German school has also been founded. The Japanese have now the farming of the gaming monopoly and the finances of the country, formerly in the hands of the Chief Commissioner of customs. Their railway concessions are not materialising, but in the meantime they have what should be a good thing. The Russians do not appear to have got quite so much at the moment, but with the concession to build a railway to Wonsan, and thence to the frontier, and a nice site at Wonsan for stations, they have not done so badly. There is said to have lately been some friction about the engagement of many instructors, but this seems to have blown over.

RUSSIAN ADVISER AT FOREIGN OFFICE. I am credibly assured that a Russian has been engaged as adviser at the Foreign Office, and if this is really the case a great deal may turn on the appointment. It would be no joke for Great Britain and Japan if a Russian were to be installed in the F. O., for bearing in mind the many advantages the wily Muscovite already possesses in these regions, the hold he has on Manchuria and his occupation of Port Arthur, it would mean little short of a Russian domination if he succeeded in securing to himself the direction of Corea's foreign relations.

REMOVED RUSSIAN OCCUPATION OF MANSUPO. There is now a squadron of six Russian cruisers at Mansupo, and I am told that the officer in command has instructions to land guns, erect batteries and leave 1,000 marines to man them. Whether the report is true or not I cannot say, but I should think a programme of the kind could not be carried out without a vigorous protest being entered by some of the other Powers interested.

FOR AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT. What may still be called the Kim Ok-kin faction is again showing signs of activity, and the Government has found it necessary to arrest a number of persons for complicity in a suspected conspiracy. The prisoners are all men who formerly held high office, and in their time were prominent supporters of the Japanese party. This is the way their arrest was brought about. Some time ago one of the Mins, who it seems was an advocate of Russian policy here, sold the northern part of Row Island opposite the foreign settlements of Chemulpo to a Japanese. The island is Crown land and the buyer found it impossible to obtain title-deeds for his purchase, notwithstanding the fact that he had paid his money to the vendor. He thereupon commenced proceedings and obtained the arrest of the enterprising gentleman who had sold him land which did not belong to him. The prisoner, in order to escape the dreadful punishment which would be meted out to him for trafficking in Crown property, informed the authorities that if he were treated with clemency he would reveal a plot of which he had knowledge for the overthrow of the Government. His offer was accepted, with the result that the ex-officials already mentioned, six of them in all, were suddenly seized and thrown into prison on a charge of conspiracy.

The best-known of the gang is the notorious Kim Yun-chiu, who last year endeavoured to foment an anti-foreign rising in the north among the ruffians known as Korean Boxers. He was arrested at the time and convicted, among other things, of conspiring to kill the Emperor, and a staunch adherent of the Russian faction. Through some intrigues or other, however, he then escaped, but it is thought his fate is pretty well sealed now.

A STORM BREWING. That there is a political storm brewing I am convinced. 10,000 Japanese rifles and a million cartridges have been landed at Chemulpo, and a good deal of mystery is being observed about their ultimate destination.—Mercury.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENT.

The N. Y. K. steamer *Wakasa Maru* (European Line) left Singapore for this port on the 16th May, and is expected to arrive here on the 22nd May.

RUSSIA'S POSITION IN MANCHURIA.

The letter which follows appears in the Times of the 13th ult. over the signature of Mr. C. T. Gardner, formerly H. M. Consul at Newchwang and Acting Consul-General at Seoul.

Having lived some years both in Manchuria and Corea I am convinced that the policy proposed by Sir Ellis Ashmead-Bartlett is impracticable, and would, if possible, be disastrous. I think the mere enunciation of such a policy evinces an insufficient acquaintance with the facts of the case. In the first place Russia's legitimate interests in Manchuria are greater than the interests there of the rest of the world. Manchuria is divided into three provinces—Heh-lung-kiang, Kirin, and Feng-tien. Heh-lung-kiang is bounded on the north by Russian territory, and Kirin is bounded on the east by Russian territory. The Russian province of Priemorsk (Maritime), so called because bounded on the east by the Pacific Ocean, is also called Ussuriysky Krai, or territory of the Ussuri, because the river Ussuri (with the Lake Huike) bounds it to the west. Owing to the want of good government in Heh-lung-kiang and Kirin, brigands and dacoits constantly cross the Russian frontier, and rob the Manchoues in the carrying off the cattle. Year by year this state of affairs has become more and more intolerable to the Russians, for the simple reason that the colonization of Priemorsk has been steadily going on, and the colonists' wealth in horses, sheep, and cattle has increased—increasing the temptation to plunder them. Russia, therefore, has a perfectly legitimate right to take measures to protect her subjects living near the frontier and to insist on China's restraining the raiders. It is impossible for Russia to police the frontier, stretching thousands of miles. In Priemorsk, long as its sea frontier is, there is only one port, that of Vladivostok—which is closed by ice in the winter. It is a legitimate interest of Russia that she should have an open port as an outlet for her Siberian territories. This she has now obtained, with our acquiescence, by obtaining the lease of Port Arthur in the Manchurian province of Feng-tien, and concession to build a railway about 1,000 miles long to connect that port with Blagovestchensk, the capital of Siberia. In Russia we obtain this concession of Port Arthur, situated at the end of a bay, is such that it can be blockaded by the Power possessing the superior navy.

Besides the political and railway interests of Russia in China, she has considerable commercial interests. First, all along the border, especially in the south-east corner of Kirin, there is an immense overland trade in salt, cattle, and spirits. Russia, too, has nearly the monopoly in the fur trade. The sable is mostly found in Heh-lung-kiang and Kirin, and the centre of the trade is at Khabarovka, a Russian border town at the junction of the Sungari and Amur rivers. Sometimes the Manchou traders take the skin to Khabarovka for sale, sometimes they are collected by Russian dealers who travel into Manchuria. It is evidently a legitimate interest of Russia that these travellers should receive adequate protection.

Owing to all these causes Russia is strongly tempted to annex Manchuria. On the other hand, to us it is of vital importance to preserve the integrity of the Chinese Empire and to maintain the open door in Manchuria; and that is by following the policy enunciated by Lord Lansdowne—that is, while opposing any separatist treaty between Russia and China, to ask Russia what she really wants from China, and then giving Russia, long and in obtaining all that is really essential to her and that can be conceded to her without serious detriment to ourselves.

The task of conciliating our interests with those of Russia is a very delicate and difficult one; but still there are facts in the situation which lead me to hope it may be accomplished. In the first place, our interests are identical with those of Germany and the United States. They are entirely commercial and shipping, and are greater with regard to the province of Feng-tien than to the two other provinces. Owing to causes too long to enter into, Feng-tien is the only part of Manchuria that purchases to any extent our products; and, except a few brass for making sauce which come in the form of say-fishes, Hong-kong for sale, sometimes they reach us generally through Russia, we do not consume any of the products of Manchuria. Japan is more interested in Manchuria than we are, for she is dependent on that country for bean-cake with which to manure her farms; and further there is in Japan an extremely strong aspiration to dominate both Manchuria and China, and to place herself at the head of the yellow race. Any annexation of Manchuria by Russia would create a ferment in Japan.

The interest of France in Manchuria is not the least strong because it is founded on reasons of sentiment rather than on material interests. The services France has rendered to the world by the christianizing and civilizing pagan people, especially in the East, have been very great. In Manchuria the work being done by her devoted priests and nuns is immense. Many villages and towns there are Catholic. Now, though I am a Protestant, and strongly adverse to the Romanist political methods, I can only speak in the highest terms of the philanthropic and religious work I have seen of the French Catholics in Manchuria. Of this work France is justly proud, and I do not think she would like this work put to a stop, as it would be if Russia annexed Manchuria.

It seems to me if we set in a conciliatory manner to all the Powers, if we make the allowances for their difficulties and susceptibilities, if we frankly and loyally support Russia in her legitimate desires, if we do our utmost to appease local irritations and ebullitions of temper of overworked local officials, often due to impaired health, there is a hope we shall maintain the concert of the Powers and so obtain the preservation of all our interests.

The proposal Sir E. Ashmead-Bartlett makes with regard to Corea is about as mischievous a proposal as it is possible to make; were it carried out it would be a fertile source of disorder and of danger of war. The real object we should endeavour to obtain as regards Corea is its neutralization under the guarantee of Europe, the United States, and of Japan.

One more word to remove possible misapprehension. Neither Port Arthur nor La-lien-shan Bay is of any use as a commercial port. The geographical position of Port Arthur precludes its being a distributing centre of the *Hinderland*. In spite of its many disadvantages Ying-tze (the port of Newchwang) is the only possible commercial port of Manchuria. I have ridden along the whole coast of Manchuria from Taku-shan to the Yalu river, and there is no possible harbour. The approach to the shore is so shallow that junks drawing only a few feet have to ride out some five miles to sea, and during the south monsoon cannot with safety come anything like so near.

THE INDEMNITY QUESTION.

The *Universal Gazette* in a letter from Peking gives what purports to be the gist of the conversation on the 19th ult. between the representatives of the Powers and of China on the indemnity question. The British, French, German and Japanese Ministers represented the Powers, while the Chinese committee was composed of Hsu Sheng-peng, Na Tung, and Chou En. The dialogue is given as follows:—

M. Pichon: "We have invited you three gentlemen here to-day to ask you how much of the indemnities China can pay yearly." Hsu: "How much is the grand total asked for?" M. Pichon: "Reckoning up to the 1st of the seventh foreign month, 450 millions" (7). Hsu: "China has not the ability to pay so much: Friendliness to China would dictate a more generous policy." M. Pichon: "We only require enough to meet expenses. But this is only the amount in general, more or less may be settled later. Our chief object to-day is to inquire what China has to offer by way of security for the debt." Hsu: "China has a yearly deficit, as is well known to you. I think that the present tariff, which is on the basis of very old exchange, does a vast injustice to China. The year before last it was debated whether the tariff might not be increased. I think that if you were willing to allow this, according to the present rate of exchange, China would have a greater revenue from this source and the merchants could recoup themselves by increasing the price of their goods, and so trade would not suffer." M. Pichon: "We have deliberated upon the matter, and probably it could be arranged. If so China would get 10,000,000 taels more yearly from the Foreign Customs. How much is the revenue from the regular native Customs?" Hsu: "If a foreign Inspector-General collects it, it would amount to 4,000,000 or 5,000,000 taels yearly." M. Pichon: "Can these Customs really be handed over to the Inspector-General?" Hsu: "Those near the sea might be so handed over, where there is already a Customs House." M. Pichon: "We are all willing that all the Customs should be handed over to the I.G., but even so the resulting sum is still very short of the necessary security." Hsu: "Would your Excellencies tell us the period within which you require the whole to be paid?" M. Pichon: "We need not discuss that matter at present. What we now wish to know is what amount of security China can offer. We hear that the Salt Gabelle yields a vast sum. If it was reformed, the amount would be still greater. Is it not so?" Hsu: "The Salt Gabelle is very difficult to change. M. Pichon: "How much does it yield at present?" Hsu: "Thirteen millions, but three of the divisions are already pledged to pay foreign loans, amounting to 1,800,000 taels yearly. The revenue of the Changun division of Honan should produce 500,000. But owing to the crisis last year the foreign soldiers disposed of 2 million packages. So that the income from this source will take at least three years before it recovers. I think therefore at present the Gabelle can only yield 10 millions."

M. Pichon: "In that case can the Gabelle be depended on for a further 20 years?" Hsu: "No, because other expenses which must be met out of this, so that only four millions can be pledged for the indemnities." M. Pichon: "We hear that if the present system of tribute rice were changed, seven millions more could be realised." Hsu: "I suppose you mean the plan commencing the rice for a money-payment. But even if that were done, it could not possibly yield that amount." M. Pichon: "How much rice is yearly sent North?" Hsu: "About 1,200,000 piculs." M. Pichon: "What is the price of rice in the Southern provinces?" Hsu: "What is the cost of carrying North?" Hsu: "Four taels per picul, carriage two taels per picul. If we commuted rice to money we would only save the carriage, i.e., two millions. If merchants sent rice to Peking for sale it could not be sold according to the Southern prices." M. Pichon: "But what about the rice sent by river (the rest being sent by steamer)? How much is that? And what is the cost of carriage?" Hsu: "What was sent by river these few years is only 100,000 piculs. The carriage is cheaper than by steamer."

Sir E. Satow: "The method of carriage is the main point in the matter, so that when it reaches Peking it is scarcely worth a tael a picul. If it were sent by steamer, it would not be spoiled and the savings could be used to repay the indemnities." Hsu: "We think that the rice might be commuted to a money-payment, but as to the proposal to have foreign steamers carry it to Tientsin, that would involve the establishment of offices at Shanghai and Tientsin and cargo boats to take it to Tientsin, whence it would still require to be sent to the granaries in Peking. After these expenses, how could there be much left for security?"

Sir E. Satow: "But in any case suppose the rice sent by sea is commuted to money, how much would it amount to?" Hsu: "We have already calculated it and find it would only be a million or two. Besides, the method is hard to change. The people who pay in rice water it and mix it with chalk and mill and dist. Hence the spoiling of the rice is not solely due to the boats and granaries. If it is commuted to a money payment the people will suffer, for they cannot adulterate the money as they do the rice. This would not be a good system." Sir E. Satow: "What revenue is yielded by the imports and exports of Peking?" Hsu: "The Ha-Tu-men take only import duties, amounting to 700,000 taels yearly. If all the rest is handed over to the Inspector-General, we think that this special duty should be left untouched for the sake of China's dignity." Sir E. Satow: "If the foreign Customs tariff is increased, it would only yield six millions more than at present." Hsu: "If your Excellencies agree to our raising our tariffs, we would feel deeply grateful."

CHURCH SERVICES.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

19th May, Sunday after a session Day.
Matins (11 a.m.)
Responses, Tallis; Psalms, Old Melody, Lawes and King; Te Deum, Baker; Benedictus, Langdon; Hymns, 148, 207 and 223; Kyrie, Stainer in F.
Evensong (5.45 p.m.)
Responses, Tallis; Psalms, Fussell, Battis-hill and Hayes; Magnificat, Camidge; Nunc Dimittis, Kinkead; Hymns, 147, 238 and 203; Veper hymn, Ward (1).

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Venite, Macfarren; Te Deum, Oakley; Jubilate, Massay; Hymns, 148, 144, 13 S. H., and 146; Holy Communion.
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Hongkong, 17th May, 1901. [1277]

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HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 16th May, 1901. [1284]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 286.

THE following Particulars and Conditions of Sale of CROWN LAND by PUBLIC AUCTION, to be held at the Office of the Public Works Department, on MONDAY, the 20th day of May, 1901, at 3 p.m., are published for general information. By Command.
T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 4th May, 1901. [1242]

Particulars and Conditions of the Letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 20th day of May, 1901, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of Crown Land at MacDonnell Road, in Colony of Hongkong, for a term of years, commencing from the 1st day of January, 1899.

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WEDNESDAY.

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Hongkong, 13th May, 1901. [1232]

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Hongkong, 18th May, 1901. [91]

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EDWARD OSBORNE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 18th May, 1901. [1278]

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Hongkong, 17th May, 1901. [6]

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CHAPTER IV.

But the time comes for young Harry Crow to return to England, and Jan the Icelandic is all but broken-hearted. Again and again he has struggled to reveal himself, and as often as he has tried he has failed.

The cruise is at an end, and the day has come for the departure of Harry Crow's ship. "The John Franklin." Such of Jan's own crew as are Englishmen have decided to go home with her, and they are in the midst of busy preparations. Harry himself has come over to the "Hecla" in a yawl to take Jan's crew back to "The John Franklin."

"So you won't go with this cruise, Jan?"

"Not this cruise, my lad," says Jan.

The sailors bring up their kits and tumble them over the side to the boat lying moored on the starboard side of the ship.

During this bustling scene Jan draws young Harry aside and says: "I suppose you'll be getting married as soon as you reach home, my lad."

"As soon as we get the chance published."

"You'll be married in that old church in the village, eh?"

"Nothing more likely, Jan."

"There'll be wedding presents, won't there?"

"As certain as fate."

"Don't you think you can take a bit of a present to your sweetheart from me?"

"Why, of course I can."

"Only a trifle, you know—a little thing I bought one day when I was ashore in Iceland."

Jan gives him a silver locket.

"A locket! And what a beauty to be sure!"

"I meant it for my poor wife that time I was thinking of going home. See, there's her name on the face of it."

"Lucy! Then your wife's name was Lucy also?"

"Didn't I tell you before? Perhaps that's what put it in my head to give it you. 'It will just suit his sweetheart,' thinks I."

"And wonderful pretty she'll look in it, too, shipmate."

"Ask her to wear it on her wedding-day, my lad."

"I will. I'll tell her it comes from the best sailor and the best whaler and the best fellow on the North Sea."

"Tell her the old man who sends it knew her father long years ago."

"Oh, I'll tell her all about you."

"Tell her he talked sometimes of his little girl at home."

"I'll not forget."

"She must try and think the best of her father, whatever he was—tell her that."

"Come and tell her yourself, Jan! Why not?"

"I'd only be a trouble to her—a bad trouble to both of you."

"A bad fiddlers! You've been blubbering long enough, haven't you?"

"Too long to leave it now."

"Nonsense! Who wants to make a hole of this blessed old North Sea? Come and see us in dear old England, and I'll show all the places you've heard about."

"Well, who knows? Perhaps some day—"

"You'll drink your health on our wedding day, too."

"You make me very happy, my lad."

The last of the crew is about to slip down the side into the boat. He shouts: "All aboard, Master Harry!"

"A moment—only a moment! I'm afraid I'll miss you badly."

"And I'll miss you too, Jan—bet your life on that."

"You've been the only one I could talk to, somehow."

"If Lucy wasn't expecting me now—"

"Tut, Jan, my boy. I'm not such a selfish old fellow as that! Do you think I want to keep you here for company for an old sea-dog like me? Not I! I want you to go to your sweetheart! Go to her, my son, go to her, go to her, and God bless you both!"

He pushes the boy off the deck, laughing wildly, and then falls back suddenly with a broken sobbing face. A voice from the boat cries: "Now boys, 'Home, sweet home!'"

The men start the song, and sing it as they pull off from the ship's side. Jan leans against the water barrel with his head dropped back on the mast, and listens.

The young man has gone. The one gleam of light which has lit the blind and weary eyes has left him. He is alone once more. Oh, this lonely life, this desolate sea, this yearning for news, this hunger for home!

"I can't hear it," he thinks. "I will go back. A little longer! Only a little longer! Till the last link has gone—the last trace is lost, and then—"

A long way off the voices of the sailors are dying away over the sea.

"Be it ever so humble—"

"There's no place like home."

CHAPTER V.

It is now five and twenty years since the beginning of our story, and we are back in Sikoaks. In the interval the railway has changed the face of England, and the telegraph has altered the condition of its social life. The place of the watchman there is the policeman; in the place of the post-boy the railway porter; in the place of the town-crier the newspaper boy. Knee-breeches and broad-brimmed hats have given way to trousers and short jackets. The old generation has gone; a new generation has arisen, and the ways of the world seem to be different.

It is Easter Sunday morning, the early train has just arrived, and a railway porter, carrying an antiquated bag on his shoulder, comes up to the door of the inn.

"Who's this belonging to?" says the landlord.

"Old party just in by the 10.15," says the porter.

The landlord looks at the bag. "Any label? Where's he out of?"

"Out of Noll's ark I should say," says the porter.

"Never saw such a Father Methusalem in all my days. Knee-breeches and silver-laced shoes and a wide-brimmed hat! Travels first-class though, and gives me and the policeman half-a-crown a-piece. The sergeant's taking him round the town afore fetching him up."

"Foreigner, I suppose. Bring his bag in, porter."

The church bells begin to ring for morning service, and some of the churchgoers go in at the lychgate. As they do so, a police-sergeant comes along with a white-headed old man, walking heavily with a stick and wearing the costume of five-and-twenty years before. He discusses the police-sergeant, then he steps to the foot of the statue and leans against it as

the people pass. He is watching the churchgoers; they look at him and whisper and laugh a little, going by. Standing below the statue he seems to be the living counterpart of the figure in marble. Face, expression, dress, everything is identical. When the congregation has passed through, the bells stop, and the landlord comes out again.

"Good morning, sir!"

Then speaking with compassionate distinctness, as if to a foreigner, "You're long have come—your bag, I say. I've sent it upstairs."

"I thank you," says the old gentleman, "but you must not disturb yourself too much. I shall not be staying long."

"Not a foreigner after all!" thinks the landlord. The old gentleman has seated himself on the bench outside the porch.

The landlord tries again. "Travelled far, sir?"

"Yes, a long way."

"Friends here, sir?"

"No—yes—that is to say—there," pointing to the churchyard.

"Just so, sir! Poor old Methusalem! Looks as if he'd be there himself before long."

"Have you been many years here, landlord?"

"Six-and-twenty come Michaelmas, sir."

Then growing garrulous by degrees, he goes on to tell of how he took the business over when his old master died, a matter of fifteen years ago. He was his pot-boy once on a time.

"Just so," says the old gentleman. "Was it the post-boy that brought my baggage, landlord?"

"The post-boy, sir? We haven't had a post-boy in the county this score of years. Where in the world has the old fellow been, I wonder? We call him the porter, sir."

"The porter! In my time, landlord, what we called a porter was something to drink."

The landlord laughs—he supports the reputation of a humorous dog.

"Well, it ain't so much different now, sir. What we call a porter is allus wanting to drink something."

"And what do you call the man who brought me here?"

"Do you mean the sergeant, sir?"

"The man in blue clothes with silver buttons."

"Is it the policeman, sir?"

"What is the policeman?"

"Lor' sake! You know—the policeman, sir—the bobby!"

"What does he do, landlord?"

"The bobby?" Another knowing laugh from the humorous dog. "Blasphem' I know that, sir. It's more nor anybody knows."

"Is he the watch, landlord?"

"The watch! Why, sir, we ain't had no watch in Sikoaks these five-and-twenty years at least."

"Is he dead, then?"

"The last watchman, sir?"

"Yes?"

"No, but in bed with the rheumatism. Only he had his jacket taken off for being blind polio one night five-and-twenty years ago, when—well, when there was a murder in these parts."

The old gentleman rises uneasily. "You must excuse me, landlord. I've been a long time out of England, and the ways of life in the old country seem to be a good deal altered since I went away."

"Is Lacey Clough. When the landlord has left him, he looks around.

"The old church! I used to go there every Sunday when I was a child, in the post-chaise with my father. The green cloth of our pew was wearing grey, I remember—it must be white by this time. My father's monument! Not a stain on it, marble yet! And the dear old house—her house and mine! Just as I have seen it in my dreams on the Greenland seas—"

only more dream-like—more like a vision that will die out and leave me nothing changed in all the weary years; nothing but one thing—myself. I might be my own ghost, walking the footpaths of my wasted life. Lucy's home now! Our little Lucy. I can only think of her as a child. She died to me then, and left her little figure in my heart for ever. If I could see her for a moment I think I should be satisfied. Only for a moment—in her home, her happiness! Unseen, unknown, unrevealed, from the window of a room in the inn perhaps. A happy wife—a happy mother! It would help me to go back to bear what is left of my life, and be thankful. The wanderer at Whitley will settle everything. She'll want for nothing. I've tried to make amends. Amends! What amends can I make to her who is gone? They'll be in church now. If I could look through the house where I lived with her! The rooms wherein we spent so many days together! The servants will be the only ones at home. I'll risk it. I'll ring the bell. Perhaps Mary, the nurse, will answer it. She'll be an old woman herself by this time. How quiet everything is on this bright spring morning! Yes, the world goes on its way, though one old man is so feeble and tired, and very old. I didn't come too soon, either. How weak I am! Only a little longer and it would have been too late to look upon my dear children's happiness."

He pulls the bell.

"How the years roll back," he thinks. "I could almost fancy I see her still, with her bright eyes and her merry laugh, and her happy step and our little one riding on her back! Lucy! Lucy's Lucy!"

After a moment, a young woman comes out laughing, with a young child by the hand. It is Lucy, his daughter. He lifts his head and sees her, and it seems to him at the moment as if all the cruel years had in one moment rolled back and she was her mother returned to life. With a look of awe he uncovers his head as if a spirit had passed before him.

At sight of the old man, so strangely clad, Lucy's laughter stops suddenly.

"Have we startled you, sir?"

"Forgive me, madam!" the old man says. "My eyes are not as good as they used to be, and it seemed to me that you were some one I had seen before, someone I had known—long years ago."

"Poor old gentleman," thinks Lucy.

She puts the child to her feet and says: "But was it you that rang the bell, sir?"

"The old man recovers himself. "Does Mr. Henry Crow live here?"

"Oh, yes! Mr. Crow is my husband. Who shall I say has asked for him?"

"Someone who met him on the Greenland seas—five years ago, and more."

"I know! I think I know! Are you—you are Jan the Icelandic, aren't you?" The old man looks at her. "How glad my husband will be to see you. What a surprise it will be for him! But he always said you would come to see him someday. He talks of you constantly. My husband gave me all your messages. And see—showing a locket she is wearing—"don't you remember it? It's your wedding present. I've worn it ever since."

The old man draws the little one to him.

"And this is your little girl?"

"No, but my little boy, and I'll leave him with you while you run and fetch my husband."

As she goes into the house the old man gazes after her with looks of tenderness.

"My child! My Lucy! But I must be strong," he thinks, "I must never betray myself. She must never know."

He looks down on the boy, sits on a seat on the piazza, and embraces the child with yearning looks of love.

"My child's child! My son! My grandson!"

"Do you like little boys?" says the child.

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"Once I had. It was a little girl, and she was just like you—but that was long ago, and my sweet bird has found a nest of her own and left me."

"I like little birds," says the child.

"And what is your name, my son?"

"Jan."

"Did you say Jan?"

"No, Jan—Jan Arneson Crow," says the child.

"My name on the Greenland seas. Will you not sit on my knee, my angel?"

"I like you," says the little one.

"Bless you, my sweet boy. There!" He crosses his legs and puts the child on one knee.

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SAN FRANCISCO VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	EMPEROR OF CHINA	Brit. str.	—	R. Archibald, R.N.R.	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 5th June.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	CHINA	Brit. str.	—	J. Pantan	DODWELL & CO., LIMITED	On 28th inst.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	NIPPON MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	PACIFIC MAIL S. S. CO.	On 25th inst. at Noon.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	BELGIAN KING	Brit. str.	—	—	TOYO KISEN KAISHA	On 11th June, at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	KASUGA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 10th June.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	EASTERN	Brit. str.	—	H. Fraser	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 24th inst. at 4 P.M.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	CHANGSHA	Brit. str.	—	Ellis	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	On 30th inst. at 5 P.M.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	NURNBERG	Ger. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 10th June.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	INDIA	Aut. str.	—	Cherz	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 29th inst. at 5 P.M.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	PEKIN	Jap. str.	—	F. J. Fox	SANDER, WIELER & CO.	On 22nd inst. p.m.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	WAKASA MARU	Jap. str.	—	J. B. Macmillan	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On or about 23rd inst.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	ROSETTA MARU	Jap. str.	—	N. Tate	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 24th inst. at Daylight.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	MIKE MARU	Jap. str.	—	M. Yagi	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 21st inst. at Noon.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	NANCHANG	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	HAISHO	Ger. str.	—	A. A. Crawford	SEMSSEN & CO.	To-day, at 5 P.M.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	NATAL	Freem. str.	—	Bouis	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On or about 20th inst.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	PARRAMATTA	Brit. str.	—	—	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On or about 24th inst.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	JAVA	Brit. str.	—	G. W. Gordon, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 21st inst.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	WOOSUNG	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 22nd inst. at Daylight.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	ANPING MARU	Jap. str.	—	S. Atsumi	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-morrow, at Daylight.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	HAIRONG	Brit. str.	—	Rathurst	DOUGLAS LAURA & CO.	On 29th inst. at Daylight.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	AKASHI MARU	Jap. str.	—	K. Sudzuki	MIYOSHI BUSSAN KAISHA	To-morrow.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	MAIDZU MARU	Jap. str.	—	K. Sobajima	MIYOSHI BUSSAN KAISHA	To-morrow.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	KAIKONG	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 27th inst.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	SUNGKANG	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 21st inst.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	KASUGA MARU	Brit. str.	—	H. Fraser	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 24th inst. at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	CHANGSHA	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 10th June.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	SUISANG	Brit. str.	—	Todd	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	On 21st inst. at 3 P.M.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	HIROSHIMA MARU	Jap. str.	—	S. Yoshizawa	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 24th inst. at Noon.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	MAUSANG	Brit. str.	—	Welsh	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	On 22nd inst. at Noon.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
 May 17, Progress, German str. 087, P. Brandt, Toulon 14th May, Coals and General.—SIEMSEN & CO.
 May 17, Kwanlok, British str. 1,467, Gordon, Canton 16th May, General.—CHINESE.
 May 17, Tey, Norwegian str. 710, H. Dahl, Amoy 15th May, Ballast.—SANDER, WIELER & CO.
 May 17, Ulysses, British str. 2,281, Edmondson, Moji 12th May, Coals and Nuts.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
 May 17, Hailong, British steamer, 783, H. Bathurst, Tamsui 14th May, Amoy 15th and Swatow 16th, General.—DOUGLAS LAURA & CO.
 May 17, Mike Maru, Japanese str. 2,080, M. Yagi, Singapore 11th May, Cotton, &c.—NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
 May 17, Wirokaka, British str. 1,517, J. E. Selley, Shanghai 13th May, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.
 May 17, Loongmoon, German str. 1,245, F. Schulz, Shanghai 14th May, General.—SIEMSEN & CO.
 May 17, Nurnberg, German str. 4,150, H. Mayer, Singapore 11th May, General.—SIEMSEN & CO.
 May 17, Sungkang, British str. 1,921, Moore, Manila 15th May, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
 May 17, Hailan, French str. 377, Morleux, Pakhoi 15th May and Hoihow 16th, General.—A. R. MARTY.
 May 17, Melpomene, Austrian steamer, 1,700, Motzovich, Singapore 10th May, General.—SANDER, WIELER & CO.
 May 17, Francois Arago, French telegraph str. 1,505, Mascart, Amoy 11th May.—ARNHOLD KASBERG & CO.
 May 17, Sussex, British barque, 1,212, Guthrie, Fremantle 26th March, Sandalwood.—MASTER.

CLEARANCES.

At the Harbour Master's Office.
 17th May.
 Chuanung, British str., for Singapore.
 Sabine Rickmers, British str., for Swatow.
 Eang, British str., for Shanghai.
 Tacoma, British str., for Moji.
 Loongang, British str., for Manila.
 Diamante, British str., for Canton.
 Chingping, German str., for Tongku.
 Loongmoon, German str., for Canton.
 Asia Maru, Japanese str., for Nagasaki.
 Ariel, Norwegian str., for Moji.
 Tryon, Norwegian str., for Hongkong.
 Ragnar, Norwegian str., for Nagasaki.

DEPARTURES.

May 17, Charterhouse, Brit. str., for Amoy.
 May 17, Tacoma, British str., for Tacoma.
 May 17, Diamante, British str., for Manila.
 May 17, Loongang, British str., for Hongkong.
 May 17, Loongmoon, British str., for Manila.
 May 17, Ariel, Norwegian str., for Moji.
 May 17, Ragnar, Norwegian str., for Nagasaki.
 May 17, Asia Maru, Jap. str., for London.
 May 17, Loongmoon, German str., for Canton.
 May 17, Geier, German cruiser, for Amoy.
 May 17, Canning, British str., for Weihaiwei.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

ABERDEEN DOCKS.—
 Kowloon Dock—U.S.S. Bennington, Hongkong, Compania de Filipinas, Burnside, Athenian, Nanchang, Kiang Tung, Meade, Newark, Saturn, Union, Hanching, Hongkong Maru, Hanot, Glenyle, Fei Hoo.
 COSMOPOLITAN DOCK—Colonie, Peliana, Bergenhus.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Wingsang, from Shanghai 13th May, had light northerly winds and fine weather throughout.
 The German steamer Loongmoon, from Shanghai 14th May, had fine weather and S.W. and N.E. wind from port to port.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK
 VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL.
 PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
 "AFRIDI" 24th May
 "HILLGLEN" 14th June
 "LOWTHER CASTLE" 30th June
 "HEATHBURN" About 17th July.
 For Freight and further information, apply to DODWELL & CO., LD., Agents.
 Hongkong, 6th May, 1901. [1193-878-1194-988]

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, RANGOON, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, FIUME AND TRIESTE.
 (Taking Cargo at through rates to the BRAZIL, to South Africa, RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEVANT, VENICE and ADRIATIC PORTS.)

THE Company's Steamship
 "GISELA,"
 Captain Mosca, will be despatched as above TO-DAY, the 18th May, P.M.

For information as to Passage and Freight, apply to
 SANDER, WIELER & CO., Agents.
 Hongkong, 11th May, 1901. [6]

THE OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA, LIMITED.
 FOR TAMSUI VIA SWATOW AND AMOY.
 THE Company's Steamship
 "MAIDZU MARU,"
 Captain K. Sobajima, will be despatched for the above ports TO-MORROW, the 19th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
 THE MIYOSHI BUSSAN KAISHA, Agents.
 Hongkong, 13th May, 1901. [17]

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
 PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANCAIS.
 STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON, HAYRE, BORDEAUX, PORTS OF BRAZIL AND RIVER PLATE.

ON MONDAY, the 20th May, 1901, at 1 P.M. the Company's Steamship "INDUS," Captain Riquier, with Mail, Passengers, Specie and Cargo, will leave this port for MARSEILLES via BOMBAY.

This Steamer connects at COLOMBO with the S. Polynesian, which vessel takes on her Passengers and Mails, leaving that port on the 1st June, direct to Suez, Port Said and Marseilles. Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon. Cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M. Specie and Parcels until 3 P.M. on the 19th inst. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.) Contents and Value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.
 G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.
 Hongkong, 8th May, 1901. [2]

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
 PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANCAIS.
 FOR SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, AND YOKOHAMA.
 THE Company's Steamship
 "NATAL,"
 Captain Bouis, will be despatched for the above ports on or about MONDAY, the 25th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
 G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.
 Hongkong, 14th May, 1901. [2]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.
 FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.
 THE Company's Steamship
 "SUISANG,"
 Captain Todd, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 21st inst., at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
 JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.
 Hongkong, 15th May, 1901. [1262]

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

OSTASIATISCHER FRACHTDAMPFER DIENST.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRIESTE, GENOA, PORTS IN THE LEVANTE, BLACK SEA and BALTIC PORTS, NORTH and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.)

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
SUEVIA	HAYRE & HAMBURG	On 24th May } Freight.
Capt. Wagner	(Calling at Singapore)	
SEGOVIA	HAYRE & HAMBURG	On 31st May } Freight.
Capt. Foerck	(Calling at Singapore and Penang)	
WITTENBERG	HAYRE & HAMBURG	On 10th June } Freight.
Capt. Hempel	(Calling at Singapore and Colombo)	

For further particulars, apply to

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
 HONGKONG OFFICE,
 QUEEN'S BUILDINGS, (No. 1.) [1061]

Hongkong, 30th April, 1901.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY).

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
MIKE MARU	MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	TUESDAY, 21st May, at Noon.
M. Yagi		
WAKASA MARU	KOBE and YOKOHAMA	FRIDAY, 24th May, at DAYLIGHT.
J. B. Macmillan		
ROSETTA MARU	NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKO-	FRIDAY, 24th May, at Noon.
N. Tate	HAMA	
HIROSHIMA MARU	BOMBAY, VIA SINGAPORE and	FRIDAY, 24th May, at Noon.
S. Yoshizawa	COLOMBO	
KASUGA MARU	SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via	FRIDAY, 24th May, at 4 P.M.
H. Fraser	MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	
INABA MARU	MARSEILLES, LONDON, and ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO & PORT SAID	FRIDAY, 31st May, at DAYLIGHT.
W. Bainbridge		

Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading issued for the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada, and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and Atlantic Steamers.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office at Prince's Building, First Floor, Chater Road.

A. S. MIHARA, Manager. [13]

Hongkong, 29th April, 1901.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL

STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL ON	REMARKS.
KOBE	PEKIN	About 23rd	Freight only.
	F. J. Fox	May	
SHANGHAI	PARRAMATTA	About 24th	Freight or Passage.
	May		
LONDON, &c.	BENGAL	Noon, 25th	See Special Advertisement.
	S. Borcham	May	
SHANGHAI AND JAPAN	JAVA	About 31st	Freight or Passage.
	H. W. Gordon, R.N.R.	May	
MARSEILLES AND LONDON	CEYLON	About 1st	Freight or Passage.
	W. Hayward, R.N.R.	June	

For Further Particulars, apply to

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent. [11]

Hongkong, 24th April, 1901.

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, VIA SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

FOR VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA

IN CONNECTION WITH
 NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

Steamer.	Tons.	Captain.	Proposed Sailing
VICTORIA	3,502	J. Pantan	May 28th
BRAEMAR	3,801	W. Watt	June 7th
GLENOCLE	3,750	W. Frakes	June 28th

THE attention of Passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by this Line to the PACIFIC COAST and to the INTERIOR and EASTERN CITIES of the UNITED STATES and to EUROPE.

HONGKONG TO LONDON, &c.
 Excellent accommodation. First-class Table, Doctor and STEWARDESSE carried. Passengers to EUROPE may proceed by one of the First-Class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES.

HONGKONG TO NEW YORK, &c.
 The Railroad travelling is second to none on the American Continent; two trans-continental trains daily from Tacoma; Dining Car is attached to trans-continental trains day and night; TACOMA to New York in 4 days. Magnificent Scenery of the Rocky and Cascade Mountains. The YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK route.

HONGKONG TO VICTORIA AND TACOMA, &c.
 The best route to the KLONDIKE GOLD FIELDS. Frequent Sailings from VICTORIA and TACOMA to DYNA and ST. MICHAEL.

Rates of Passage to other Points on application.
 A Special rate allowed to members of Government Service.
 For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, General Agents. [11]

Hongkong, 7th May, 1901.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.'S

ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN, AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA AND VICTORIA, B.C.

SAFETY. SPEED. PUNCTUALITY.
 Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse-Power—Speed 19 knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

EMPEROR OF CHINA, Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R., WEDNESDAY, 6th June, 1901.
 EMPRESS OF INDIA, Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R., WEDNESDAY, 26th June, 1901.
 EMPRESS OF JAPAN, Comdr. H. Fybus, R.N.R., WEDNESDAY, 17th July, 1901.

THE magnificent TWIN-SCREW STEAMSHIPS of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA to VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, saving THREE DAYS to a WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey as made connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL IMPERIAL LIMITED TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY, which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE IN 100 HOURS. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates. Good for 4, 6, 9, and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

The attractive features of this Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS and MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unequalled.

SPECIAL EXTRA SERVICE.

The Company's Steamers "TARTAR" and "ATHENIAN" have now been placed on the Line between CHINA and JAPAN PORTS and VANCOUVER, as additional sailings, leaving Hongkong as follows:

"ATHENIAN" 3,882 Tons, Comdr. H. Mowatt On or about 1st June.
 Taking Cargo and Passengers for all points in CANADA and UNITED STATES.

In addition to their excellent Saloon Passenger accommodation, these steamers are especially adapted for 3rd CLASS EUROPEAN PASSENGERS, and usually make the run between YOKOHAMA and VANCOUVER in 14 Days.

For further information, Maps, Guides, Books, Rates of Passage and Freight, apply to
 D. E. BROWN, General Agent, Pender's Street. [110]

Hongkong, 16th May, 1901.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD. HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN/HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANTE, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS.

LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE. N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES IN RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	SAILING DATES.
PREUSSEN	WEDNESDAY, 28th May.
HAMBURG (Hamburg-Amerika Linie)	THURSDAY

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

The *Natal*, with the French Mail of the 19th April, left Saigon on Friday, the 17th inst., at 11 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 20th inst. This Packet brings replies to letters dispatched from Hongkong on the 18th March.

The *Doric*, with the American Mail of the 21st ult., left Yokohama on Thursday, the 16th inst., at daylight, and may be expected here on or about Friday, the 24th inst.

MAILS WILL CLOSE.

FOR	PER	DAY AND HOUR.
Canton	Hankow	Saturday, 18th, 7.30 a.m.
Pakhoi and Haiphong	Yokohama	Saturday, 18th, 11.00 a.m.
Dangke	Yokohama	Saturday, 18th, 11.00 a.m.
Shanghai	Yokohama	Saturday, 18th, 11.00 a.m.
Singapore, Penang and Rangoon	Yokohama	Saturday, 18th, 11.00 a.m.
Macao	Yokohama	Saturday, 18th, 11.00 a.m.
Shanghai	Yokohama	Saturday, 18th, 11.00 a.m.
Kanchoi and Samsoi	Yokohama	Saturday, 18th, 11.00 a.m.
Chinkiang	Yokohama	Saturday, 18th, 11.00 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy, Tamsui and Foochow	Yokohama	Saturday, 18th, 11.00 a.m.
Hohow and Haiphong	Yokohama	Saturday, 18th, 11.00 a.m.
Norohang	Yokohama	Saturday, 18th, 11.00 a.m.
Hongkong	Yokohama	Saturday, 18th, 11.00 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui	Yokohama	Saturday, 18th, 11.00 a.m.
Canton	Yokohama	Saturday, 18th, 11.00 a.m.

EUROPE, &c., India via Tutuoria.....
(Late Letters 11.10 to 11.30 a.m. Extra Postage 10 cents.)

Amoy and Shanghai
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta
Manila
Saidkan
Kobe and Yokohama
Singapore, Samarang and Surabaya

EUROPE, &c., India via Tutuoria.....
(Late Letters 11.10 to 11.30 a.m. Extra Postage 10 cents.)
(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents.)

India and Cebu

EUROPE, &c., India via Tutuoria.....
(Late Letters 11.10 to 11.30 a.m. Extra Postage 10 cents.)

SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA and VANCOUVER, B.C.
(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents.)

TO-DAY.
Sale, Japanese Ware, Sales Rooms, Mr. Geo. P. Lamont, noon.
Sales, Silk Tapestries, Sales Rooms, Messrs. Hughes and Hough, 2.30 p.m.
Hongkong Rifle Association, Competition, 2.45 p.m.
Hockey Match, Officers of the R.A. v. Indian Brigade, Kowloon, 5 p.m.

COMMERCIAL.
CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

ON	FRIDAY, 17th MAY.
TELEGRAPHIC TRANSFER	111 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	111 1/2
Bank Bills, at 30 days sight	111 1/2
Bank Bills, at 4 months sight	111 1/2
Credit, at 4 months sight	111 1/2
Documentary Bills, 4 months sight	111 1/2
ON PARI	
Bank Bills, on demand	2.47 1/2
Credit, at 4 months sight	2.52
ON GERMANY	
On demand	2.014
ON NEW YORK	
Bank Bills, on demand	48
Credit, 60 days sight	49
ON HAMBURG	
Telegraphic Transfer	147 1/2
Bank, on demand	148
ON CALCUTTA	
Telegraphic Transfer	147 1/2
Bank, on demand	148
ON SHANGHAI	
Bank, at sight	72 1/2
Private, 30 days sight	73 1/2
ON YOKOHAMA	
On demand	2 1/2 p.c. pm.
ON MANILA	
On demand	2 p.c. pm.
ON SINGAPORE	
On demand	1 p.c. pm.
ON BATAVIA	
On demand	118
ON HAIPHONG	
On demand	21 p.c. pm.
ON SAIGON	
On demand	2 p.c. pm.
ON BANGKOK	
On demand	59 1/2
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate	\$10.05
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael	\$52
BAR SILVER, per oz.	\$27 1/2

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE FRENCH MAIL.
The M. M. steamer *Natal*, with the next outward French mail, left Saigon on the 17th inst., at 11 a.m., for this port.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.
The O. & O. steamer *Doric*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 25th ult., via Honolulu, has arrived at Yokohama, and left for this port on the 18th inst., a.m., via Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai.

The P. M. steamer *Persia*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, on the 11th inst.

The C. P. R. steamer *Empress of China* left Vancouver on Tuesday, the 7th inst., for this port via the usual Japanese ports of call.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.
The Austrian Lloyd's steamer *Melpomene* left Singapore for this port on the 10th inst., p.m.
The steamer *Achilles* left Singapore for this port on the 13th inst., and may be expected here on the 18th inst.

The "Ben" Line steamer *Bengton*, from Antwerp and London, left Singapore for this port on the 13th inst.

The Austrian Lloyd's steamer *India* left Singapore for this port on the 14th inst.

The P. & O. steamer *Pekin* left Singapore for this port on the 15th inst., at 19 a.m.

The N. Y. K. steamer *Hiroshima Maru* (Bombay Line) left Kobe via Moji for this port on the 15th inst., a.m., and is expected to arrive here on the 22nd inst., a.m.

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

Day	Time	Height	Day	Time	Height
Sat. 18	h. m.	ft. in.	Sat. 18	h. m.	ft. in.
Sun. 19	h. m.	ft. in.	Sun. 19	h. m.	ft. in.
Mon. 20	h. m.	ft. in.	Mon. 20	h. m.	ft. in.
Tues. 21	h. m.	ft. in.	Tues. 21	h. m.	ft. in.
Wed. 22	h. m.	ft. in.	Wed. 22	h. m.	ft. in.
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JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Hongkong, 17th May

COMPANY.	PAID UP.	QUOTATIONS.
Hongkong & S'ha	\$125	382 p. on prom.
China & Japan, Ord.	24	21
Do. deferred	21	25. 5s.
Nat'l. Bank of China	28	\$27, buyers
B. Shares	28	\$27, buyers
Poun. Shares	21	\$15, sellers
Hell's Asbestos E. Co.	21	\$11.10
China-Borneo Co., Ltd.	\$10	\$20
China Light and	\$15	\$38, sellers
China Prov. L. & M.	\$20	20, nominal
China Sugar	\$103	\$134, sellers
Cigar Companies		
Alhambra, Limited	\$500	\$1,500, buyers
La Commercial, Ltd.	\$500	\$1,000, buyers
Hemania, Limited	\$500	\$1,000, buyers
La Florida, Ltd.	\$500	\$1,000, buyers
Cotton Mills		
Ewo	\$100	\$10, buyers
International	\$100	\$10, buyers
Leong Kung Mow	\$100	\$10, buyers
Soychee	\$100	\$10, buyers
Yahloong	\$100	\$10, buyers
Hongkong	\$100	\$10, buyers
Green Island Cement	\$100	\$10, buyers
H. & C. Bakery	\$100	\$10, buyers
Hongkong & C. Gas	\$100	\$10, buyers
Hongkong Electric	\$100	\$10, buyers
H. H. L. Transp.	\$100	\$10, buyers
H. H. L. Water	\$100	\$10, buyers
Hongkong Hotel	\$100	\$10, buyers
Hongkong Ice	\$100	\$10, buyers
H. & K. Wharf & G.	\$100	\$10, buyers
Hongkong Rope	\$100	\$10, buyers
H. & W. Dock	\$100	\$10, buyers
Insurance		
China Fire	\$100	\$10, buyers
China Traders	\$100	\$10, buyers
Hongkong Fire	\$100	\$10, buyers
North China	\$100	\$10, buyers
Straits	\$100	\$10, buyers
Union	\$100	\$10, buyers
Yangtze	\$100	\$10, buyers
Land and Building		
Hongkong Land Inv.	\$100	\$10, buyers
Hongkong Estate	\$100	\$10, buyers
Kowloon Land & B.	\$100	\$10, buyers
West Point Building	\$100	\$10, buyers
Luzon Sugar	\$100	\$10, buyers
Mining		
Charbonnages	\$100	\$10, buyers
Queen's Mines, Ltd.	\$100	\$10, buyers
Olivera Mines, A.	\$100	\$10, buyers
Do. B.	\$100	\$10, buyers
Panjoon	\$100	\$10, buyers
Do. Preference	\$100	\$10, buyers
Rauis	\$100	\$10, buyers
New Amoy Dock	\$100	\$10, buyers
Orion Hotel, Manila	\$100	\$10, buyers
Robinson Piano Co., Ltd.	\$100	\$10, buyers
Steamship Coys.		
China and Manila	\$100	\$10, buyers
China Mutual Prof.	\$100	\$10, buyers
China Ordinary	\$100	\$10, buyers
China S'ha	\$100	\$10, buyers
Douglas Steamship	\$100	\$10, buyers
H. Canton and N.	\$100	\$10, buyers
Indo-China S. N.	\$100	\$10, buyers
Shanghai Steamship	\$100	\$10, buyers
Trading Co.	\$100	\$10, buyers
Star Ferry	\$100	\$10, buyers
Swatow	\$100	\$10, buyers
Tobacco Planting Co.	\$100	\$10, buyers
United Asbestos	\$100	\$10, buyers
Do. B.	\$100	\$10, buyers
Wanchai Warehouse	\$100	\$10, buyers
Watkins, Ltd.	\$100	\$10, buyers
Watson & Co., A. S.	\$100	\$10, buyers
Universal Trading	\$100	\$10, buyers
Co., Ltd.	\$100	\$10, buyers

THE WEATHER.

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER, 16th MAY, a.m.

STATION.	Hour.	Bar.	Therm.	Humid.	Wind.	Weather.
Vladivostok	2 p.	30.10	50	82	4	f
Kobe	3.00	30.00	50	82	4	f
Nagasaki	3.00	30.00	50	82	4	f
Kagoshima	3.00	30.00	50	82	4	f
Tokyo	1 p.	29.90	50	82	4	f
Yokohama	2.00	29.90	50	82	4	f
Manila	2.00	29.90	50	82	4	f
Pescadore	2.00	29.90	50	82	4	f
Gutierrez	3 p.	29.80	50	82	4	f
Swatow	2.00	29.80	50	82	4	f
Amoy	2.00	29.80	50	82	4	f
Canton	2.00	29.80	50	82	4	f
Hongkong	4 p.	29.80	50	82	4	f
Gap Block	2.00	29.80	50	82	4	f
Macao	2.00	29.80	50	82	4	f
Haiphong	1 p.	29.80	50	82	4	f
Manila	2 p.	29.80	50	82	4	f
Shanghai	3 p.	29.80	50	82	4	f
Batavia	2.00	29.80	50	82	4	f
Cebu	2.00	29.80	50	82	4	f
U. S. James	2.00	29.80	50	82	4	f

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